

REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects the species of Claims 221-225. The newly drafted Claims 275-280 are directed to the elected species.

Applicant reserves the right to file Divisional Applications on the non-elected subject matter, including the cancelled Claims 267-274.

Applicant recently received an Office Action in a co-pending foreign application dated April 1, 2003. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 9-251839 is attached hereto, along with an English abstract, along with Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 52-010067 and its corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,018,490, are also attached hereto. These references are listed on the PTO Form 820 A and are requested to be made of record.

The undersigned attorney hereby declares that these references were brought to the attention of applicant within three months of this submission. Applicant further requests that the earlier Information Disclosure Statements be reviewed and made of record in the prosecution of this case.

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If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 3, 2003.

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